(c) During the year, 1987 (upto 30th June), 12 persons were arrested under the provisions of F.E.R.A. for hawala violations.

Media policy

546. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a long term national media policy has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Strategy for curbing growth of Black Money

547. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific strategy has been prepared for curbing the groth of black money; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Government's fully committed to unearth black money and arrest its growth. One limb of Government's policy is eliciting voluntary compliance through liberalisation of Summary Assessment Scheme. The other limb is intensification of deterrent actions like intensive scrutiny, search and seizure, survey and prosecutions.

Preparation of Super Conductors from Metal Alloys

548. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made so far by our research institutes in preparing super conductors from metal alloys rather than from ceramic; and

(b) manner in which the super conductors are likely to revolutionise industrialisation of the country?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Research institutes in India have observed superconductivity at much lower temperatures in metal alloys as compared to ceramics.

(b) The high temperature superconducting materials and devices are likely to be used in almost all sectors of industry like power generation and transmission energy torage medical ad household devices and also in semiconductors.

Persons below Poverty Line in Urban and Rural Areas

549. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the 1973-74 prices, the poverty line was at Rs. 49.09 per month in the rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in the urban areas but now updated at 1984-85 prices,